

# PRESS RELEASE

## Wylie Arts Festival, Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Dec. 2

Wylie, Texas, Oct. 2, 2017 – The City of Wylie and the Public Arts Advisory Board proudly present the seventh annual Wylie Arts Festival Dec. 2 from 10 am to 5 pm at the First Baptist Wylie Event Center, 200 N. Ballard Avenue. Join us in historic downtown Wylie and shop for fine art and unique, handmade crafts at more than 140 vendors, listen to the sounds of the season, and enjoy festive foods. Admission is free.

#### More than 100 Arts & Craft Vendors

The Wylie Arts Festival is the perfect opportunity to cross some names off your Christmas list or simply treat yourself. Shop at more than 100 vendors, handpicked by the Public Arts Board to ensure a diverse, unique selection of quality handmade fine art and craft items. From jewelry to home décor to clothing to paintings to gift items you will not find anywhere else, there is definitely something for everyone. The downtown merchants also welcome you to stop by and discover the many shops lining Ballard Avenue in downtown Wylie.

#### **Festive Foods**

Historic downtown will be filled with more than just the sights and sounds of the holidays on Dec. 2; the smell of festive food will be in the air. Choose from your favorite "fair fare" including funnel cakes, Kettle corn, turkey legs, corn dogs, Tater Twisters and sausage on a stick. Or savor the barbecue, quesadillas, tacos, beans and rice, and more. Stop by and check out the selection.

### **Festival of Lights Christmas Parade**

The celebration continues at 7:30 pm with the Festival of Lights Christmas Parade on Ballard Avenue, sponsored by First Baptist Wylie and the Wylie Downtown Merchants Association.

#### **Tree Lighting**

Top off the evening in Olde City Park with the annual tree lighting, following the parade, featuring Christmas music from local ensembles and Mayor Eric Hogue's annual reading of "A Visit From St. Nicholas" (aka "'Twas the Night Before Christmas).

#### **Children's Activities**

Kids will enjoy a selection of inflatables, a petting zoo, and barrel train. Other activities include face painting and caricatures, pony rides, and children's canvas art painting. And check out our vendors' wide selection of handmade children's items.

For more details on the Wylie Arts Festival, visit Wylie. Texas.gov/artsfestival.

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